

## **Meeting of Governor's Commission on Suicide Prevention**

Monday, May 21, 2018 • 1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

**Spring Grove Hospital Center, Dix Building Basement  
55 Wade Avenue, Catonsville**

Conference Call Phone: 1-240-454-0887  
Meeting number (access code): 310 451 063

### **Commission Members Present:**

Kenneth Collins	Maryland Addictions Directors Council
Christina Drushel-Williams	Governor's Office for Children
Stephen Goldberg, MD	Public Health Services
Dana Stacey Hendrickson	Department of Veterans Affairs
Jennilyn Babcock Landbeck	Family Member
Jennifer McMann	Department of Health Secretary
Randall Nero, PhD	Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services
Kirsten Robb-McGrath	Maryland Department of Disabilities
Robert Tousey, MBA, JD	Chair & Faith-based Community
Holly Wilcox	Academic Community

### **Commission Members on Phone:**

Gregory Branch, MD, MBA, CPE	Local Health Officer
Amanda Celentano	Maryland Department of Aging
Shenetta Malkia-Sapp	Suicide Prevention Group
Deborah Nelson, PhD	Maryland State Department of Education
William Powell	National Organization for People of Color Against Suicide

### **Maryland Department of Health & Behavioral Health Administration Staff:**

Janelle Cubbage	Director of Suicide Prevention, Office of Health Promotion & Prevention, Maryland Department of Health, Behavioral Health Administration
Kimberly Hiner	Maryland Department of Health, Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities (Commission Staff)
Donald Anthony	Maryland Department of Health, Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities (Intern)

### **Public Attendees:**

Lorraine Helferich	Kristen Rose
Tom Sloan	Tina Field
Jarrell Pipkin	Katie Dant
Jen Treger	Lamont Coger

### **Welcome and Introductions:**

Commission Chairman Tousey welcomed all attendees to the Commission meeting. Chariman Tousey announced that he will not be seeking reappointment as chair of the commission. All meeting attendees, both in person an on the phone, introduced themselves.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

March 19th, 2018 minutes where approved.

### **Suicide Prevention Month 2018 Location Discussion:**

The date has been changed for September's Suicide Prevention Month Commission Meeting to Friday September 21<sup>st</sup> 1pm-3pm. The meeting location is the Governor's Coordinating Office, 100 Community Place, Crownsville. The proposed topic is the role of trauma in suicide. The meeting will be open to the public and the public encouraged to attend via webinar.

Commissioner Nelson suggested Lynn Davis as possible speaker (focuses on the effect of trauma on young children and the effects of development). Commissioner Goldberg proposed topic of risk factors (universal precautions / everyone at risk) preventative care opposed to treatment.

### **Suicide Prevention Month Planning**

Task forces could find events going on around the state to put together a calendar of suicide prevention month actives occurring for public participation.

### **Task Force, Executive Order, Plan and Bylaws Discussion:**

By-laws:

- Discussion that the chair person to be appointed to task force not be a community member, it be a commissioner
- If a 2/3rds vote is reached by the commission a person of the public can serve on a task force
- Discussed conflicting verbiage within the bylaws regarding members of the public serving on the task force

Task Forces:

- Faith based task force removed
- Chairman Tousey will meet with commissioners on task forces to ensure correct leadership in in place before resignation.
- A discussion of appointing and designating individuals to run the task forces. This process could be clarified in the bylaws that the Commission plans to draft.

Suicide Prevention Plan:

- New plan created rather than updating previously existing plan
- Holly Wilcox volunteered to assist Janelle with the plan update

### **Executive Order:**

- Statistics updated throughout the Executive Order
- Remove veteran rate and replace with state rate
- Change cost on United States economy and make it more applicable to Maryland
- Discussed implementing tenure of commission members
- Discussed ex-official members, or designees going through the same vetting process as members of the public
- To include a survivor of suicide attempts and a Native American representative
- Inclusion of LGBTQ community member to board
- Inclusion of High School student to board, limit term to 1 academic year
- Changing term from 3 years- 4 years.
- Succession plan in place for temporary or permanent incapacitation of chairman.

### **Re-Appointments:**

Commissioners need to submit their reappointment applications by July 1, 2018.

### **Open Discussion:**

- Received email from Mark Bailey that he will be stepping down from Law Enforcement
- Invitation to Howard County Health Fair
- Grass Roots will be attending Howard County Health Fair
- Commissioner Hendrickson discussed the 9/11 bill, and servicing veterans, and active duty members
- Janelle discussed a list being made for veterans, active duty service members, and other service members to use as a baseline resource
- Native Americans have highest suicide rate in the Nation, and they are not adequately represented

### **Voting:**

- September meeting will take place at a central location – Governor's Coordinating Offices at Community Place

**Meeting adjourned at 2:46 pm.**